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1 CA: This Periodic Review Board is being conducted at 09 hours on
2 21 June 2021, with regards to the following detainee:
3 Suhayl Abdul Anam al Sharabi (ISN 569). As a reminder, the
4 unclassified portions of these proceedings are being
5 recorded for the purpose of generating a transcript to be
6 posted on the PRS website.

7 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*

8 CA: Representatives from the following agencies are present and
9 are members of the Board: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT
10 OF STATE

11 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE
12 OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE; AND, OFFICE OF
13 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. The following
14 personnel are also present: LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE BOARD,
15 CASE ADMINISTRATORS, THE DETAINEE AND THE PERSONAL
16 REPRESENTATIVE; AND THE SECURITY OFFICER.

17 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*

18 CA: The detainee's Personal Representative, detainee and
19 translator are located at the detention facility, U.S.
20 Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She is attending via
21 video teleconference. The detainee and Private Counsel
22 have chosen not to attend. This session is being observed
23 by foreign, national and local media; Foreign Government

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24 Officials and Representatives from Non-Governmental
25 Organizations.

26 PM: This Board is convened to determine whether continued law of
27 war detention is warranted for *Suhayl Abdul Anam al Sharabi*
28 (*ISN 569*) to protect against a continuing significant
29 threat to the security of the United States. From here on
30 forward, we will refer to the detainee as *Suhayl*. This
31 session of the hearing is unclassified.

32 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*

33 PM: *Suhayl* this is the Periodic Review Board to determine
34 whether continued law of war detention is warranted for
35 *Suhayl's* case. Continued law of war detention will be
36 warranted if it is necessary to protect against a
37 continuing significant threat to the national security of
38 the United States. The focus of this hearing is on the
39 threat *Suhayl* may pose to the United States and its
40 interests if transferred or released from U.S. custody. It
41 is not on the lawfulness of your detention.

42 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*

43 PM: The Personal Representative is your representative to assist
44 during this process. Finally the translators ensure that
45 everyone understand your statements and that you understand
46 what is being said during the hearing.

47 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*

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48 PM: Personal Representative, has the detainee had an
49 opportunity to review the Unclassified Summary?
50 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*
51 PR: Yes, Sir.
52 HQ Translator: *yes sir.*
53 PM: Okay. Thank you I will now read the UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY:
54 Suhayl Abdul Anam al-Sharabi (ISN-569) trained in
55 Afghanistan before 9/11, became a bodyguard for Usama Bin
56 Ladin, and may have been associated with an aborted 9/11-
57 style hijacking plot in Southwest Asia led by al-Qa'ida
58 external operations chief Khalid Shaykh Muhammad (ISN
59 10024). Does the Personal Representative wish to make an
60 unclassified Opening Statement at this particular time?
61 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*
62 PR: Yes, Sir.
63 HQ Translator: *Yes, sir.*
64 PM: Okay. I would like to remind all participants that any
65 information shared at this time must be unclassified. If
66 there is a concern about the classification of the
67 information, I will indicate such and will stop the
68 proceedings until we resolve the issue. Has the detainee
69 had the opportunity to review your statement?
70 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*
71 PR: Yes, Sir.

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72 PM: Personal Representative, you now may proceed.

73 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*

74 PR: Honorable Board Members, thank you for the opportunity to
75 provide a statement on behalf of Mr. Al Sharabi in hopes of
76 securing a recommendation for transfer from Guantanamo Bay.
77 Mr. Al Sharabi has expressed renewed optimism towards the
78 PRS process and is hopeful that it will be able to
79 facilitate a favorable change in status for him. In our
80 recent meetings, he has maintained a positive attitude and
81 exhibited a high level of respect for both the United
82 States and to me as his Personal Representative. He has
83 expressed regret for what happened in the past and desires
84 to be re-united with his family to lead a peaceful life,
85 free of trouble. In support of this, Mr. Al Sharabi would
86 like to go to Oman or similar Arabic country, where he is
87 willing to work to support himself in whatever field
88 becomes available. He is aware of and understands that the
89 current situation would not be conducive to his return to
90 Yemen. Based on our interactions, I have not seen any
91 indications that he is a continuing threat to the United
92 States or its allies. Thank you for your time and
93 consideration.

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94 PM: Board Members may reserve questions until detainee and
95 witness statements have been presented in their entirety.
96 However, does anyone have any questions at this time?
97 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*
98 PM: Okay. With no questions, this concludes this portion of
99 the hearing. I ask that all members remain seated until
100 further instructed by the Case Administrator.
101 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*
102 CA: Thank you. We will take a short recess to prepare for the
103 remaining sessions. The time now 0918.
104 HQ Translator: *Translates above.*

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105 ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYM KEY

106 BM: BOARD MEMBER

107 CA: CASE ADMINISTRATOR

108 PC: PRIVATE COUNSEL

109 PM: PRESIDING MEMBER

110 PR: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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